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DIARY NOTES

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4 December 1962

1. At the Senior Staff Meeting this morning:

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a. [REDACTED] briefed us on his recent trip to [REDACTED] with Averell Harriman and his party.

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b. [REDACTED] gave a brief run-down on the current status and plans for the National Communications System.

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c. I announced that [REDACTED] would be awarded the Horace Hart Award for distinguished public service in the field of printing and publishing.

d. Larry Houston discussed the Virginia income tax for those of us working but not residing in Virginia, for which we will become liable in 1963. At the moment he is not at all optimistic that we can do anything about it, but he is working with lawyers at the Pentagon and others to see what can be done.

e. General Carter reminded everyone that 24 December will be a Sunday-type holiday; however, inasmuch as this will be a four-day week end, he cautioned Deputy Directors and Operating Officials to make sure that we have enough people on duty to carry out our essential work.

f. General Carter also commented on Christmas parties, saying in substance that he had no objection to Christmas parties as long as they were in good taste and didn't get out of hand. He emphasized that he held Deputy Directors and Operating Officials personally responsible for such parties.

g. General Carter also reported that the Inspector General was about to complete a report for the Director analyzing the Agency's performance in the collection and analysis of intelligence during the Cuban crisis.

h. He also referred to the budget, saying that the Director and John Bross had been able so far to stand off attacks by the Bureau of the Budget but that we could expect hard times in defending our budget in upcoming hearings. (This is not the way I heard it.)

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2. I talked to Jim Garrison about space for Pete Scoville and told Jim that I thought he definitely should vacate his offices on the third floor and turn them over to Pete Scoville.

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3. [REDACTED] was in to see me about a number of things:

a. I discussed with him his proposed trip to Europe next spring, and we agreed that he should not plan such a trip at this time.

b. We again discussed the problems he has been having with the 501 computer center, and I have promised him that I would try to talk to John Bross about this sometime soon. Aside from any jurisdictional problems, he believed that the 501 center would certainly be inadequate to serve both the Comptroller and the Deputy Director (Support). (The question then arises as to whether the considerably larger center should be operated by the Automatic Data Processing Staff or whether the Comptroller's 501 operation should be expanded. A still larger question is whether the entire DD/I and DD/S center should not be combined.)

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4. I talked to [REDACTED] today about the possibility of using the [REDACTED]. He had no immediate ideas but said that he would look into it.

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5. General Carter telephoned and was livid about not receiving Dr. [REDACTED] nomination for the Arthur S. Flemming Award until 3 December when it was due at the sponsoring organization on 1 December. I have investigated this and taken appropriate action. (See my memoranda to General Carter and the Director of Personnel.)

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6. Emmett Echols telephoned to say that Senator Symington and Messrs. Dulles, [REDACTED], and Amory had accepted invitations to the presentation of the Distinguished Intelligence Medal to George Carey on Monday, 10 December; [REDACTED] may come. He wondered if the Director might not like to have a small luncheon with this group. I talked to General Carter about this; he thought it was a good idea but asked me to query the Director through [REDACTED]. I talked to Walt but have heard nothing further.

7. Jim Garrison telephoned to say that he had been to [REDACTED] with representatives of NPIC, and it was agreed that the big move of operational equipment would start on 26 December.

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8. [REDACTED] advised me that, since [REDACTED] has assumed responsibility for supervision of the security aides to the Director, we do not have personnel on duty at the Director's house after midnight, and in many instances the Director has dismissed the aide at 9:00 p.m. I told Bob that I thought this was all to the good; that, if the Director does not want this protection, there is certainly no reason why we should force it on him.

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9. I met with Gates Lloyd, Emmett Echols, Ting Sheldon, and Mr. [REDACTED] to try to sort out the unhappiness which has grown out of my instructions to the Office of Personnel that the JOT Staff should screen the files of employee applicants who appear to be qualified for the JOT Program, regardless of which component or individual made the initial contact. The Deputy Director (Intelligence), and particularly the Office of Research and Reports, was quite unhappy about this and felt that no one had the right to consider employees whom they believed they had recruited for any other assignment. During our discussion, I pointed out that they had to look at this problem from an over-all Agency point of view. (I am just as anxious to fill all the vacancies in ORR as in the JOT Program; however, if the JOT Program is as good as we believe it is and so long as its quota is not filled, they must have a very high priority. This is not to say that ORR would be pre-empted of its recruits; however, the Director of Personnel, in considering the over-all needs of the Agency, will have to decide whether an individual or a group of individuals are to be assigned to ORR or to the JOT Program. In any case, I will insist that all personnel entering on duty with the Agency know that there is a JOT Program. If they appear to be qualified for it, their files will be screened and they may go into the Program either upon entry on duty or at some later date.) In the final analysis, Ting appreciated our problems and agreed that we all had to look at it from an Agency point of view. (I think we can, without difficulty, work out a formula which will satisfy him.)

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10. [REDACTED] will be eligible to retire next summer. He would like to stay on duty until September or October of 1963. I told Joe that retirement any time not later than the end of December 1963 was entirely satisfactory with me. (I declined to promote Al to supergrade status but encouraged Joe to recommend him for an honor award of some kind.)

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